



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Douglas Caraway

Serial No.: 08/972,781

Confirmation No.: 6016

Filed: November 18, 1997

For: Rotary Drill Bit For Casing
Milling And Formation
Drilling

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Group Art Unit: 3672

Examiner: Hoang C. Dang

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Dear Sir:

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT DATED
SEPTEMBER 17, 2004**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated September 17, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on October 17, 2004, please enter this response and reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below. Although Applicant believes that no additional fees are due in connection with this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782/WEAT/0409/WBP for any fees, including extension of time fees or excess claim fees, required to make this response timely and acceptable to the Office.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.